Drug production from penultimate and intermediate stages

1612. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs produced by each company which are liable to pay overcharged amount under DPEA;

(b) what was the production of each drug under DPCO, 1979 and what is its present price;

(c) what was the production of each drug during the last three years; year-wise;

(d) whether it is fact that certain drugs are being produced from intermediate stages during that period;

(e) if so, the names of the drug and the company and since when each is being produced from penultimate and intermediate stages;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has allowed to increase price of these drugs without examining cost data, stocks in hand; and

(g) if so, the names of these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) to (c) To the extent information is available the required details in respect of the major bulk drugs in which companies are liable to pay overcharged amount under DPEA are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 31].

(d) and (e) Government specifies the basic starting stage for each bulk drug at the time of issue of industrial approval however relaxations to manufacture from intermediate/penultimate stages are given for some drugs taking into consideration various sectors such as level of indigenous technology, economic viability etc. Such drugs include Rifampicin, Dexamethasone, varapamil etc.

(f) and (g) The prices of controlled bulk drugs are revised on the basis of the cost-cum-technical study report of the BICP, and the escalation formula provided by the BICP therein and with the help of cost data available with the Government, in accordance with the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Action against Sri Ram Foods and Fertilizers Limited for gas leakage in 1985

1613. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sri Ram Foods and Fertilizers Limited has been found guilty of negligence for Oleum gas leakage in Delhi during 1985; and

(b) if so, the stage at which the matter of compensation to victims and action against the management stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter of compensation to the persons affected by the leakage of Oleum in M/s. Sri Ram Foods and Fertilizers Industries in December, 1985 was entrusted by the Supreme Court to the Additional District and Session Judge, New Delhi as a special court to hear and decide these claims. It is reported that as on 26-11-92 a total of 4775 claims have been received out of which 4768 claims have been settled till now .

Scrutiny of Form 6 of Drug Companies

1614. DR. ABRAR AHMED : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question 122 given